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Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

Book. III., Chapter 17.

Wilmer, B. C., Thursday, September 25, 1902.

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A Mass Meeting

Called for Next Tuesday to Discuss Mail Service to South-Important that Everyone Attend.

Editor THE OUTCROP:
Dear Sir,—Having heard that there is a favorable opportunity for getting two mails a week into this district during next winter, I would through your paper call another meeting of the residents of the Windermere District to be held in Wilmer, on Tuesday, the 30th day of September, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of devising ways and means of having one of these services from Cranbrook to Wilmer. It is unnecessary for me to point out the benefits that the district will derive from such a service as it is apparent to all. A united effort must be made to gain place the postal needs and requirements of the District in their true light before the postal authorities.

It is the duty and interest of all to help the movement along. A resolution will be submitted to the meeting regarding the question at issue. I earnestly desire the presence and active interest at this meeting of every man in this district.

Yours truly,
SAMUEL BREWER

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

These, Starbird brought to Golden in a sack Thursday last. He will return by next steamer.

English church services are held in Wilmer every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Mr. E. A. Smyth. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chas. Estemre has purchased the dwelling house on Main street, owned by G. Chamberlain, and is making an addition to it.

R. S. Gallen left Cranbrook Tuesday afternoon for Fort Steele. He goes to West Kootenay to complete arrangements for buying his properties all winter.

At the meeting of the Liquor License Commission held in Atholville last week a license was granted G. Chamberlain for the new hotel in Wilmer.

Mr. C. Bennett brought to this office today the largest potatoes we have seen this season. They were grown in the Wilmer garden without irrigation.

The engine of the Atholville sawmill was badly damaged Saturday afternoon by a brake in the cylinder. It may be some little time before the mill will run again.

The Toronto Weekly Globe will be sent free of charge to the end of this year to all subscribers who pay for THE OUTCROP one year in advance. Send along \$2 to this office.

The Wilmer water works system is really in need of repair. The pump is very convenient as persons coming from any point of the compass can move a barrel full of water to their homes. But most people prefer to dip the water and come home day a child will be drowned in the drink.

P. Michelson states that he has abandoned his intention of working the Black Diamond claims and shipping ore next winter, owing to the fact that the Toly boat repairs were not completed and a bligh could not be got over it. He says he cannot afford to spend several hundred dollars to repair it and that he and his partners are badly disappointed. It really is disappointing to see a good and necessary road like this one useless for the want of repairs. Here is a case where a board of trade could act with good results.

Public School Inspector P. Wilson visited the Windermere, Atholville and Wilmer school this week.

More private residences for renting purposes are needed in Wilmer and a few good houses should be erected.

Jas. Boucher came down from the Spring creek road last Thursday quite ill, but is able to go about town now.

Mr. J. Bonardi and Freeman Williams have severed their connections with the North Star and are staying at Atholville.

The hammer and saw critics of Wilmer have kept people awake with their melody during the past week—may the chorus cease.

Golden Nuggets

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, Sept. 20.
Daniel Jordan, who was shot on the morning of the 16th inst., in Fort B.C., by Giuseppe Bonatti, an Italian, belonged to Batti's mining gang who have been working at Field for some time past. It appears that Tuesday morning Jordan called Bonatti to get up. Bonatti put on a gun and Jordan took him out of his bunk and seeing him on his feet outside of their car, threatened him with the car again. Bonatti tried for an axe which was promptly taken from him. He got back into his bunk and Jordan threw his blankets over him. Just then the breakfast bell rang and Jordan told the Italian to get up and go to breakfast. The Italian said to leave him alone or he would shoot some of them, and was told to get away. Bonatti tried at Golden with a pistol he had secured in his trunk. He attempted to fire the second shot but the receiver was knocked out of his hand. The bullet went through the left rib in front, passed through the left lung and breaking the fifth rib at the back lodged in the flesh beneath the skin. Jordan lived an hour after he was shot. Sheriff Redgrave, J. E. Griffith and Dr. Cross of Revelstoke proceeded to Field as soon as the news reached them, where the longest wait. The remains were then brought to Golden where the post-mortem was held, and the funeral took place Thursday afternoon. The prisoner, G. Bonatti, is in the Golden prison and a preliminary hearing of the case was held yesterday, and the prisoner was remanded for trial.

Rev. Mr. Hagg left for the city yesterday. During his stay in Golden he made a number of friends, who will not forget him. Rev. Mr. McLean will conduct services for the next two weeks. Mr. McLean is well-known here, having resided in town for some time last year.

Long delays in the latest census at present. One young lady, while out on the other night, missed her footing in stepping from a boat to the shore and consequently received a very cold bath.

Mr. Longmore leaves tomorrow for Montreal on the Imperial. He has been in poor health for some time past, but hopes to be greatly benefited by his trip east.

Mr. J. S. Gibb left for his future home in Victoria this morning. A large number of friends were at the station to wish her good-bye.

Miss Bonatti, who has been visiting her brother, J. L. McKay, of Sault Ste. Marie, returned to her home in Boston tonight.

Miss Mabel Hume, of Firdale, came down on the North Star Tuesday and proceeded to All Hallows School at Firdale, B.C.

Moses O. D. Hoar, J. G. Pluck and F. Marsh went up on Friday with H. E. Foster on a hunting expedition.

Rev. Mr. Yates has returned from his visit to the upper country, looking very well after his journey there.

Mr. R. A. Kilmington, of Windermere, who arrived in town on yesterday's stage, left today for Kamloops.

Dr. Creighton had a call to Beaver this week, a man having had a finger badly crushed.

There are also a couple of weddings in view in Golden, but, of course, don't tell anyone.

T. Starbird, of Wilmer, is in town for a few days.

THE MINING RECORDS

Telco we publish the mining records as copied from the books at the Wilmer Recording office.

Aug 23—P. H. Brown, on Mineral creek by M. Hammond, located Aug 18.
Black Duke mine, Joe Hansen, Aug 8.
Aug 25—Custons, Boulder ck, Gallup and Sovell, Aug 14.
Three Jacks, Spring creek, same, Raymond, Dattel ck, Robert Clute, Aug 12.
Atlanta, same, M. A. Higgins, same.
Aug 25—Rigdon, Toly ck, P. Michelson, Aug 16.
S. Kirk, same, same, Aug 17.
E. Lake Hamilton, same, W. A. Gallen, Sept 1—Iron Horse, coast ck, Toly, Aug 25.
Mitschum, same, W. A. Janett, same.
Sept 6—Rim Toly, Toly ck, J. H. Fraser, Aug 23.
Sept 8—Sultana, same, P. Michelson, Sept 4.
Roney, same, Joe L. Lee, same.
Sept 12—Paystone, House Tuff ck, W. S. Smith, Aug 28.
Copper Vault, same, A. Smith, same.
Sept 17—Windemere and House spot, same, R. S. Gallen, Sept 11.
Sept 19—Paystone, coast ck, Albi and Starbird, Sept 14.

ASSESSMENTS

Aug 19—Rushlow No 1 and No 2, on McLean creek, by Watt and Colanetti.
Aug 21—Violet, Bayan mountain, M. Smith, \$200.
Aug 23—Solid Silver and Last Chance Mineral ck, Hammond et al.
Aug 25—Montrose, Ratterup, Hot Bay and South Side, coast ck, Gallen et al. \$100 each on Monitor applied equally.
Ward's Fair, Phoenix, Great Northern, Red and White, House Fair, same, \$100 on Ward's Fair.
Friday and Laplay, Lightning ck, same, \$200 on Friday.
Aug 26—Mabel R. Lee ck, Hammond et al., \$250.
Aug 27—Gray Copper, Toly ck, Monro et al., \$100 work on Redwood.
Aug 29—Red Star No 1, same, P. Michelson.
Red Star No 2 and No 3, same, Michelson et al.
Sept 1—Pondwater, same, McLeod et al. Twilight and Lucky Boy, same, C. Monro et al., \$250.
Sept 11—Black Fox, Boulder ck, J. R. McLeod et al.
Sept 18—Superior, White Elephant No 1 and No 2, McDonald ck, Albi et al., \$300 trail work.

TRANSFERS

Sept 1—W. Allen to C. Monro et al. interest in Lucky Boy, Oct 2, 1901.
W. Moore to C. Monro, all int in Twilight, Oct 2, 1901.

Sept 12—C. F. Smith et al. to R. S. Gallen, interest in Monitor, Hot Bay, Ratterup, Southside, Ward's Fair, Phoenix, Great Northern and Wilmer, same, Aug 25.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Aug 1—J. E. Griffith, gold claim, same, granted to J. S. Johnston, J. F. C. Stuckalee, J. R. B. Jones, C. Barnes, J. A. and J. A. Stadiant, in Alice mineral claim, Aug 1.

Sept 4—E. Griffith granted to P. Farnham all interest in Red Line No 1, Red Line No 2, Iron Cap, Iron Cross, Farnham and Constitution 1 claim, Sept 4.

Taxation of the Mines

E. B. Kirby's Arraignment of the Assessment Act

The paper read by Edmund B. Kirby, manager of the War Eagle mine, Roseland, at the recent meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute entitled "The Influence of Government on Mining" is interesting to the public as it deals with the five technical issues affecting the mining industry in this province:

It is most interesting to note that the difficulties which, as an engineer, he is finding are mainly business-technical problems. Methods and economies in mining, transportation, selling and smelting, studied both from the scientific and business side, attract our attention.

In few cases do questions of state economics force themselves upon us, because mining is almost everywhere a favored industry, treated by governments with fostering care, and considered worthy of every sacrifice and every encouragement by the state. It is rightly recognized as the mother industries, focusing the attention of the entire world upon each newly discovered area. Upon this all the resources of civilization in men, money and skill are poured out. Around it agriculture, stock raising and lumbering spring up; railroads appear without the aid of land grants or subsidies, manufacturers and towns follow, and a commonwealth is established.

Now the British Columbia mining industry is unique in the world, not only in its extensive lack of state recognition and fostering, but in the fact that difficulties imposed by state economies over shadow in importance all the ordinary technical problems with which mining men have to deal. It affects today a curious and interesting illustration of the injury wrought by unwise government, and also the reaction of repressed mining upon commerce and other industries. These effects are emphasized by contrast with the present prosperous condition of the other provinces of the Dominion, and also of the United States.

It is clearly recognized by the Canadian Mining Institute that British Columbia is one of the largest and most promising areas of the Dominion. But in considering the welfare of the mining industry, what now is to be concentrated attention upon the three points of machinery, mining methods and ore treatment, if we ignore such realities as a government taxation which amounts to one-fifth of the gross value of the product, and a single item of which bars the treatment of large-scale ores?

The phenomenon before us presents the following features: The Rocky mountain range has been developed from lower South America to British Columbia, yielding a practically continuous chain of productive mining districts. It is especially productive at the two points located on southern British Columbia and the Yukon. The unexplored area, some 600 miles of which is in British Columbia, should average as well as that already known. Concerning the development of this area I quote from a memorial of the B. C. Mining Association of June 26th, 1901:

"The development of these resources, begun a few years ago so auspiciously, has been brought to a practical standstill, and whereas a few years ago the mountains were swarming with prospectors, today these pioneers of the mining industry have nearly disappeared. The flow of capital into the province has been practically cut off, the metal production is at present decreasing; numbers of producing mines have closed down, and those operating have, with few exceptions, ceased to pay dividends; the working men are struggling under heavy burdens which are accumulating each year. It is now frankly admitted by mining men that the industry is prostrated in many mining divisions, and that its condition is rapidly becoming worse."

Allowing for all the reaction from the mining being the association correctly ascribes the main cause to its main cause—excessive taxation and oppressive legislation.

At present, conditions are even worse than those then described. Prospecting and the development of new deposits is practically at a standstill. Practically speaking, 10, 14,231 crown granted and recorded claims held Nov. 21, 1901, only 74 yielded more in excess of 100 tons total production for the year. This is about one claim out of every 200 held. The bulk of the tonnage was confined to a dozen or so mines, most of those operating at a loss. The increased metal statistics of \$15,000,000 for 1901, against \$11,345,000 for 1900, was due entirely to two mines, neither of which yielded dividends, and one of which has announced an increase in its yield. Moreover, the statistical figures of production are fictitious, in that the metals are valued theoretically by New York quotations for the refined product, the true or actual values received by the B. C. industry being much less. Meanwhile the serious financial conditions of the province have been clearly shown by Mr. F. J. Proctor in his pamphlet on "The financial crisis in B. C." and it is currently reported that the government, not with failure in its recent attempt to float another loan in London. The stagnation of commerce, and the present exodus of population is recognized by everyone.

It is not of interest here to go into details about the oppressive and threatening legislation which in British Columbia has so characterized the dealings of the state with its chief industry. What is of interest is the spectacle, unknown elsewhere in the Dominion or in the empire, and probably unparalleled in the world, of a mining industry trying to exist under a burden of taxation which amounts to between 20 and 30 per cent of its gross receipts.

The gross products of British Columbia in 1901, as nearly as they are indicated by statistics, were about \$25,000,000, distributed as follows:

Industry	Probable Product	Per Cent
Metal mining	\$15,000,000	55.1
Coal mining	5,000,000	18.3
Lumbering	3,000,000	11.2
Manufacturing	1,000,000	4.0
Agriculture and Miscellaneous	2,500,000	9.2
Total	\$25,000,000	100

Without considering an increase in the \$10,000,000 debt of about \$800,000 yearly, the actual taxes collected, Dominion and Provincial, amount to \$5,500,000, which is 22 per cent of everything produced. This is from a population which probably does not exceed 125,000 whites. Through the shifting of taxation by other industries on to mining, which is the labor probably approaches 30 per cent of the product, even when the latter is valued by the nominal fictitious (Continued on Fourth Page.)

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W. P. EVANS.

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 1902.

Religion is a good thing to keep, and is mighty hard to give away in these parts.

The Canadian mint bubble seems to have floated away into the air, while the Yankee eagles are flying northward in increasing numbers every day.

When you meet a "positive" man that will only argue with oaths that he is right in everything he says, don't talk to him, for he is quite harmless.

Some men are going to change the whole political arena of British Columbia at the next election and cast out of office all local politicians. But they forget that all live politicians can change to suit the occasion.

Don't fire everybody you meet with your tale of woe about the other fellow. Hunt up the other fellow or the policeman. Either one will settle the trouble.

A scientist has discovered that dyspepsia causes a man to lie. In future it will be quite polite to tell a man he is a "blank dyspeptic." Witnesses it court should be examined by a doctor before their evidence is taken. Editors brought up for contempt can now apologise with good grace. What a wonderful boon and convenience this discovery will be to mankind.

An ad is found principally in a newspaper formation. It varies in size according to the deposit. When found in profusion it is a sign that the country rock is loaded with life, push, prosperity and public spirit. When only a trace shows in the press you can bet that the country is broke, or else the business men are dead without knowing it, and have neighbors too lazy to promote a funeral.—Lodge.

Colonel Prior has been acting as premier in the absence of Premier Dunsinuir and he has become so fond of the job that he has expressed himself as wanting it permanently and he wants the Conservative party to hoist him into position. Our member, Hon. Mr. Wells, being a Liberal, don't like this prior move, and has called upon Premier Dunsinuir to discipline the Colonel, while yet a minister in an independent government.

Several of the boys have recently subscribed for THE OUTCROP to be addressed to the "old folks at home" and we now have nearly 80 of these addresses on our list. One thing we will say for the boys and that is that they pay most promptly. But, say, boys! Rustle a stamp once a year and write the old folks yourself. We will try to keep them posted on what you are doing and where you are, but you should write occasionally and cheer them up.

A board of trade may be again organized in this district as quite a few people are beginning to realize the necessity of an organized body. Unity is strength and it is high time that an effort was made to show our strength. Any man who wants to run the whole show and want work with the majority for the good of the district don't count for anything and should be left to worship his own little god. Much good will result if an organization is formed on broad principles and weight will be given to everything that is taken up. Such a body would have a tendency to eliminate petty jealousy and give a fair deal all around.

One of the most ridiculous things thrust upon an intelligent public is the average public school monthly report. In rural districts there is no system provided for the teacher to be guided by and the most popular method employed is to make a guess at the standing of each pupil and the parents when they receive the report must guess at what it means and sign their names to it as an approval of this guess work. The system is wrong. It is unfair and unsatisfactory to the teacher, the pupil and the parents, and is cause for much misunderstanding and frequently results in abuse of the teacher. A local teacher has written examinations every month to overcome these difficulties, although this is not one of the regular duties, and it certainly is the only sensible way of arriving at the standing of each pupil. The authorities should either demand written examinations or else discard the reports.

HUGH MACDONALD,

BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

WILMER.

North East Kootenay, British Columbia.

ROBERT ELLIOT, M.D.,

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Situate in the Windermere Mining Division of North East Kootenay, British Columbia.

Take notice that I, R. S. Galt, Free Miner's Certificate No. 44195, and acting as agent for ex-miners, intend, sixty days from the date of this notice, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 104 of the Act, may be taken before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

R. S. GALT.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1902.

NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT WILMER, B.C.

Between

Joseph Lake of Ashcroft, B.C., merchant, Plaintiff.

vs.

Henry Ross, Steven Wilson, Charles Miller and Fred Kemp, Defendants.

To Henry Ross and Steven Wilson, Defendants.

Take notice that a Default Judgment and Fines have been entered against you by Joseph Lake of Ashcroft, B.C., merchant, in respect of the sum of \$100.00, for goods sold and delivered to you, the said defendants, Henry Ross and Steven Wilson, on 1st of June, 1902, in pursuance of an order of His Honor Judge Fellen, you were required within twenty-one days from date of last publication of this notice in the Wilmer Outcrop newspaper to file your dispute note or notes, if any, with the Registrar of this court, at Wilmer, B.C., and no answer having been received against you.

And at Wilmer, B.C., this 2nd day of September, 1902.

E. J. SCOVILLE,

Registrar of the County Court.

NOTICE.

TO DEBENTURE OWNERS OF THE "OUTCROP" MINERAL CLAIM

In E. O. SMITH, or any person or persons to whom he may have assigned his interest in the "Outcrop" mineral claim, situated in what is known as the Paradise basin, on the left bank of Kootenay river, a tributary of Lake Kootenay, in the Windermere Mining Division, British Columbia, and adjoining the "Royal Road" mineral claim on the south.

You are hereby notified that as the order stipulated, have expired, the terms of Entry in the "Outcrop" newspaper, stating that the said "Outcrop" mineral claim, situated in the Paradise basin, on the left bank of Kootenay river, a tributary of Lake Kootenay, in the Windermere Mining Division, British Columbia, and adjoining the "Royal Road" mineral claim on the south, together with all costs of entry, shall become the property of the undersigned, under section 104 of the Act, and "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act," 1900.

Dated at Wilmer, B.C., September 25th, 1902.

JAMES BRADY,

MINING ENGINEER.

Business service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Rev. Mr. Taggart will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a.m.

Ashcroft at 2 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 a.m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Golden. Everybody is welcome.

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Government roads radiate from Wilmer to the Tobo and Horse Thief Mining Camps and all points of importance in the Windermere Mining Division, including the Paradise and Red Line mines, and the beautiful park-like ranching lands of the valley.

Although a new town Wilmer has made remarkable progress. Among its institutions may be mentioned the court house at which county court for the district is held periodically, a public school, a hospital supported by the district, postal money order office, newspaper, doctor, provincial land surveyor, drug store, general store, saw mill, livery stable, hotels, etc. The Presbyterian and Roman Catholic denominations are represented. It is the headquarters from which the Paradise and Red Line mines are operated.

A telegraph office connecting with Golden will be opened shortly.

The great extent of high grade mineral and ranching country tributary to Wilmer ensure for it a rapid growth.

Steamboats leave Golden on the Canadian Pacific Railway every Tuesday and Friday arriving at Wilmer the same day. Stage connection weekly with Golden and Fort Steele.

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Nine	Pounds	Value
Parade	1,968,210	
" In Transit	300,000	
Delphin	73,831	\$1,520.26
" In Transit	135,300	
Red Lion	162,000	
Swansea	4,000	
White Cat	2,000	
Silver Bell	25,500	1,450.00
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" In Transit	45,000	
Bungay	1,000	40.00
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY
HOLDERS AT WILMER, B.C.

Between
Kootenay & Pitts, Plaintiff,
vs.
O. A. Brown, Defendant.

Do O. A. BROWN, the defendant, take notice that a default judgment was entered against you on the 14th day of September, 1902, in the County Court of Kootenay, B.C., in the above named cause.

Take notice that a default judgment was entered against you on the 14th day of September, 1902, in the County Court of Kootenay, B.C., in the above named cause. The said judgment was entered against you on the 14th day of September, 1902, in the County Court of Kootenay, B.C., in the above named cause. The said judgment was entered against you on the 14th day of September, 1902, in the County Court of Kootenay, B.C., in the above named cause.

E. J. SCOTT,
Registrar, County Court.

Rev. Mr. Taggart will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a.m. at Atholmer at 2 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 p.m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when the ladies services at Atholmer. Everybody is welcome.

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KOOTENAY CENTRAL RY.

Charter Sold and Route Will Be Surveyed

At the second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kootenay Central Railway Co. held at Fort Steele Mr. C. H. Dillen reported the result of his trip to England re the sale of the charter of the company. His report being accepted, the sale of the charter to Mr. Dillen was confirmed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Dillen then made the announcement that a preliminary survey of the proposed route would be made immediately, and that as soon as the plan and profile of the route were plotted, the actual location and survey of the proposed line would be made, and that actual construction would commence early in the coming spring.

Taxation of Mines

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method. In this remarkable state of affairs the fact that mining exists at all is the strongest evidence of the value of British Columbia's ore deposits and of the future which awaits the industry here whenever these artificial burdens are removed.

Even if the total load permitted it low-grade ores must remain for the most part untouched on account of the so-called 2 per cent tax on the gross output of mines. This tax is only one item in the total mentioned above, but it has the peculiar effect of exacting an increasing proportion of the net profits when applied to the lower grades of ore.

For instance, on the milling grade of Rossland it will slide anywhere from 10 to 20 per cent of the net profits. This is the real burden in British Columbia. The present state of affairs is instructive not only to the mining profession, showing how unwise government can injure mining, but also to students of economics, presenting an extreme case of the blighting effect of taxation upon industry. To the students the phenomenon is marked by the same familiar symptoms which always accompany evils caused by acts of political organization. There is the same curious indifference and refusal to see facts as they are, the same tendency to ascribe the evils to every cause but the right one. There is the usual effort to conceal the truth from the outside world and to condemn those who boldly and clearly call for reform. There is the same old anxiety, not to correct the evil but to find excuses for evading action.

But notwithstanding the gloom of today, we mining men, looking far beyond the present, have a clear view of the future grandeur of the commonwealth of British Columbia. We know its wonderful natural resources, the character and energy of its people. We know that civilization cannot be held back. Some day there will be good government, and with this one requisite supplied will appear an era of prosperity beyond the wildest hopes. Whether its arrival will find us here or laboring in other parts of the world we neither know or care. We only know our present duty, which is to maintain a united front to the evils before us, and steadily press the fight for reform.

(The foregoing has been severely criticized and coming from the source it does will have much weight. It certainly is a hard blow to B.C.)

Try The Outcrop for Job Printing. Subscribe for The Outcrop. F. Lang has been making a tour of the district as assessor.

The sale of land for taxes takes place next Monday in Golden. The steamer Hyak brought up a barge heavily loaded with freight.

MEN WANTED

More graders can find employment by applying at the camps on the Spring Creek Wagon Road. Wages \$2.50 per day and Board at \$5 per week. Time starts from the time the men begin work.

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